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### ALEXANDRIA:

MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 21, 1859.

The politicians have adjourned the Cuba question from the forum to the hustings, from the Senate to the people, and are now keeping up an unnecessary agitation on the subject. "Marshal Rynders," in his speech said, speaking of the "acquisition," "Young America has proclaimed it, and the venerable head of the government at Washington had sanctioned it, and as Jackson had said. 'the Democratic party wills it." He would add, to use a vulgar expression, he did not think all h-ll could stop it!" [Applause.] Judge Caskie, at a Democratic meeting in Richmond, is reported by the Richmond Whig, to have said: "He disapproved of the offer of thirty millions for Cuba, because it was unwise to "set the snare in sight of prove fatal. the bird." The proper course would have Cuba, and emphatically declared, "Have it we must?" He said this "in no fillibustering of self-preservation."

The news from Europe continues warlike -but yet the "alarm gun"-the first sound of which, would, probably, wake almost all of the European monarchies to strife- of the proceedings of the Circuit Court of "hangs fire"-and every day's delay, is, that county has the following:-"The case of probably, favorable to peace, notwithstand- Col. Wm. P. Maulsby, who was laid under a ing the preparations, and armaments, and marching of troops.

The Democratic Convention of the Counties of King George, Stafford and Prince William, assembled at Stafford Court House. on Wednesday last and after a long session nominated J. Monroe Taliaferro, of Stafford, be produced." as their condidate for the State Senate .-Gen. James H. Carson, of Frederick County, has been nominated as the Democratic the late Hon. Garrett D. Wall, and is about candidate for the State Senate, from that

Successful experiments have been made in raising sweet potatoes at the North. Its natural home is the "sunny South," but it is now being gradually acclimated in New York and the New England States. The variety best adapted for Northern culture is the "Nansemond." from Virginia; and it need not be a matter of surprise to find the Yanern markets with sweet as they now do with large quantities of Irish potatoes.

The San Antonio (Texas) Herald of the 4th inst. contains a proclamation from Gen. Frederick, Md., are in circulation. A man Twiggs, warning citizens from engaging in a reported lawless expedition to Mexico, to having in his possession \$1,597 in countercapture runaway negroes, and then sell them, and divide the profits. The General has issued orders to the commanding officer at Forts Duncan and Clark to prevent any such attempt, and to co-operate with the Mexican authorities for that purpose.

It is stated in an interesting account of Mexico, given by Dr. Shepherd, of Texas, that with all the oppression and anarchy existing in Mexico, its system of education has been sustained and promoted in an extraordinary degree, and that it has numerous colleges and seminaries in successful operation.

The president of the Artesian Well Company, at Norfolk, gives an encouraging account of the company's affairs; he is confident of getting an abundant supply of excellent water, pure and cool, and enough for all the purposes of drinking, washing, manufacturing, extinguishing fires, &c., by boring down in the earth a few hundred

The late Mr. Mike Walsh, of New York, it is said, some time since predicted that his own death would occur by accident or violence. "Of all my family," said he, "not one has died in his bed." The verdiet of the corroner's jury in this case was death from apoplexy.

On Saturday, 5th inst., the African Apprentice bill of the last session came up in the House of Representatives of the Louisiana Legislature, and received its quietus by being laid on the table by a vote of 37 nyes to 17 noes. A motion to reconsider was also tabled.

The Fredericksburg Herald says-"Mr. Letcher has determined to spend as little time as possible in Eastern Virginia. He has made other appointments reaching to the 1st of May, and all of them West of the Blue Ridge.

The Loudoun County Court has ordered the magistrates to be summoned at April court, among other things to change the time of holding the court from the Tuesday after the second Monday, to the second Monday of each month.

Mr. Robert Turner, of Warren county, named as the Opposition county elector for Warren county, by the Central Committee at Richmond, declines; he not being an op-

In response to an invitation from the citisens of Gum Spring, Loudoun County, John A. Carter, esq., as the Senatorial elector, will address the citizens of that place on the last Saturday in this month.

The accounts from nearly all parts of Virginia and Maryland speak favorably of the appearance and prospect of the growing wheat at this time.

Edward Argenbrill charged in Boston with forgery upon a firm in Virginia, has been discharged, no one appearing against him.

The teacher attached to the Eliot School, in Boston, who is charged with assaulting one ting out a patent of the pupils, has had an examination.

News of the Day. "To show the very age and body of the TIMES."

The Leavenworth Times publishes an account of an affray at Halton, Kansas, growing out of a political meeting held in pursuance of a call to organize a Republican party. During the meeting a disposition was manifested by persons opposed to the object, to break up the meeting. At the close, a meleo ensued in which the assailants, said to be Pro-slavery men, were forced to retire. Resolutions were afterwards adopted ordering the participants in the attack to leave the Territory, and a company was organized to carry the resolution into effect. Judge Halty, Probate Judge of the county, was severely wounded, and several injured during

St. Patrick's Day passed off in New York, strange to say, without a solitary sprinkling of rain-a circumstance which is said to have but few parallels in the memory of the oldest inhabitant. The celebration, by the Irish military and civic societies, was very spirited, and whether as regards the numpers out on parade, or the good order which was uniformly preserved, from first to last, the procession was a vast improvement upon at the Tammany meeting in New York, anything of the kind ever before witnessed

The Baltimore Patriot reports a riot of more than ordinary seriousness which took place in Baltimore county, about three miles from the city, on St. Patrick's Day. It states that as many as five hundred persons were engaged in it, consisting altogether of Irishmen, composed of the opposing bands Working imof Fardowns and Corkonians. plements, clubs, and pistols were freely used, and of about a hundred who were more or less seriously wounded in the terrible fray, several received injuries that must

A converted Jew, named Rev. J. Timans been to open a negotiation for the purchase who sometimes officiated as an Episcopal of the island. The Judge discussed the ine- minister, died suddenly at Cincinnati, on portance to the South, of the acquisition of Wednesday last, and was buried under such suspicious circumstances that an inquest was determined on. On going to disinter the body it was found to have been removed, and ing spirit," but from the instinctive prompt- was subsequently discovered in the dissecting room of a medical college. Previous to his death a serious quarrel had taken place between him and his wife, who wished to return to the Israelitish faith.

The Frederick (Md.) Citizen, in its report rule of court, on Tuesday, to show cause why he had refused to present a certain promissory note in his possession, to the grand jury, as evidence in the case of Joseph A. Lechlider, was disposed of on Thursday, by the court fining him five hundred dollars for contempt, and committing him to the custody of the sheriff until the said paper should

John C. Ten Eyck, esq., just elected U. S. Senator from New Jersey, studied law under 46 years of age. He was formerly a Henry Clay whig, but at present attached to the republican party. He is said to be a fine speaker, but very diffident. Recently, he was tendered but declined a seat on the bench of the Supreme Court in New Jersey.

Capt. Zachariah F. Johnson, a Captain of the United States Navy, and residing on Lexington street, near Franklin Square, Baltimore, died quite suddenly about nine o'clock, on Wednesday evening last. For some time past the deceased had been complaining, and on the evening in question was attacked with apoplexy, which soon resulted fatally.

Counterfeit \$5 notes on the Central Bank. named Hogan has been arrested at Pittsburg, feit notes, including \$675 in 5's on the Yerk county (Pa.) Bank, and \$650 in 10's on the Northwestern Branch Bank at Jeffersonville,

Virginia. Hon, Wm. T. Haskell, of Tennessee, distinguished as a brilliant orator, and a brave officer in the Mexican war, died in the lunatie asylum, at Hopkinsville, Ky., last Sunday. He was formerly a member of Congress, and was attacked with insanity a year

or so ago. A man calling himself John Martin, but whose real name is supposed to be Thomas Hudgins, was arrested at Pittsburg, on Thursday last, with over fifteen hundred dollars of counterfeit bills on various banks, in his pos-

Unfounded Rumors. We copied, not long since, and have seen in other journals, a statement that a distinguished Captain in the navy was about to be court-martialed for an offence disgracefully inconsistent with the conduct of an officer and gentleman. We learn, on inquiring at the Navy Department, that no such matter has come to the knowledge of the department. An officer recently holding a high position in the Brazilian squadron is without doubt indicated by the paragraph, but no charges against this officer have been laid before the department, nor does the Secretary of the Navy intend to order a court-martial for his trial. - Washington States.

# Mr. Sickles.

Now that the grand jury has got through with their part in the Sickles affair, the question is, what day will the trial take place-to which we answer, it is not positively known yet. The grand jury have made no presentment against Mr. Butterworth.

With most persistent and indefatigable industry, people are bunting up items about this Sickles affair, as if the fate of the nation depended on it .- Wash. States.

Cheers not Growns Among other queer things done and said in the Democratic meeting, in this city, Wednesday night, was the adoption of a resolution "heartily" approving the nomination of John Letcher. We wonder how many of those who united in the "three groans" for John Letcher," at the African Church, voted for this resolution .- Rich. Whia.

Our townsman, Chas. J. Kemper, who now has charge of our principal Female School, has been elected Professor of Mathematics in Bethany College, in Western Virginia, in place of Prof. Miligan, resigned. Mr. Kemper is admirably fitted for the position to which he has been elected. Our town and county will surrender him with great regret. expressed himself satisfied, and the two -Rockingham Register.

A NEW PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING LEATHER .- Messrs McCleary and Rabold, of this city have purchased a lot on Mechanic street with the view of erecting an establishment for the manufacture of leather, under a new process, in which bark is entirely dispensed with. We are informed that hides tanned by this process have been compared with the best English and American leather and found equal in all respects. This advantage consists in the economy and rapidity with which the operation is performed, it requiring but about four weeks to convert a hide into leather of a superior quality.--The author of this new process is about getting out a patent for the invention .- CumLater from Europe.

NEW YORK, March 18 .-- The steamer ser, from Bremen, which touched at Cork, brings three days later intelligence from Eu-

The news is warlike. There is less confi-

dence in Lord Cowley's mission. Paris and Vienna journals and letters are quite bellig-The proceedings of the British Parliament

are not important. Lord Fitzgerald said that the Hanoverian Government had been notified of the termination of the Stade dues next August. There were rumors of a union of the Libs

erals under Palmerston and Russell, in opposition to the Government Reform bill. Lord Henry Lennox has resigned his office as one of the Lords of the Treasury. There are reports of other pending secessions from

The Paris Constitutionnel announced the withdrawal of the French from Rome, but the Moniteur pronounces the statement pre-

There are rumors of a flying visit from

Count Cayour to Paris. It is reported that Austria made counter proposals to Lord Cowley, supported by Prus-

The warlike preparations at Marseilles are slightly relaxed. The Paris Bourse continued very sensitive and fluctuating. Three per cents, closed on

the 3rd of March at 67.45(a.67.50. It is said the Emperor of Austria has become determinedly warlike and much embittered against France. The Vienna journals were also warlike.

Lord Cowley continued in Vienna, but would leave on the 5th inst. Military preparations still continue in

LATEST .- London, Saturday Evening. Notwithstanding the political suspense the stock market yesterday was firm-Consols

advancing an eighth to three-sixteenths. On the budget being called up for discussion in Parliament on Wednesday, the committee declared by a majority of ten against four, they could not examine the peace budget in the presence of warlike demonstrations on all sides, and that a war budget would be reonired. They considered it ridiculous to consider the proposed figures when the expenses already incurred considerably exceedd the amount demanded. They therefore resolved to await the explanations of the Government. Although the minority proposed an amendment, they forthwith reected it, and persisted in their original vote. A Marseilles despatch says that Russia has ixty thousand troops on the Pruth, and has

augmented her army in Georgia. Paris, Saturday evening. A pacific article appeared in the Moniteur, causing great excitement on the Bourse, and an advance of one-half in rentes, closing firm.

London, Saturday evening .-- Viscount Harding, the Under Secretary of War, has re-The Moniteur denies the report of an an-

gry conversation between Prince Napoleon and Persigny. The stock markets have been decidedly firmer in consequence of the official ote in the Moniteur.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday Evening .- Cotton closed higher; sales of the week 78,000 bales including 12,500 to speculators and 7,500 to exporters. The Broker's circular reports an advance of id., while others say it has advanced fully 3-16 a 1d. The market closed firm at the following quotations: Orleans, fair 71, middling 7 3-16; Mobile, fair 7 7-16. middling 7; Uplands, fair 7 3-16, middling 64. Breadstuffs closed dull and nominal, with insignificant sales. Provisions were unchanged.

### More Mount Vernon Contributions.

The Vice Regent for Virginia gratefully acknowledges the receipt of the following amounts from the Lady Managers, in addition to the contributions already chronicled in the 'Enquirer:'

From Mrs. H. L. Opie, Lady Manager, Augusta ounty, Va., \$26.50. From Miss Caperton, Mouroe county, Va., \$30. From Miss Pannie Chapman, Monroe county,

From Mrs. Dr. Gessner Harrison, University of irginia, \$21. From Mrs. Wm. Wertenbaker, University of Virginia, \$28.50.

From Mrs. Ed. Pendleton, Martinsburg, Va., \$30. From Mrs. M. L. Hedrick, Kanawha county, From Miss Mary McDonald, Rappahannock county, Va., \$52. [Sent in by Mrs. J. M. Speed, of Standing Committee, Lynchburg, Va.]

From Mrs. John H. Lee, Orange county, Va., From Mrs. John Letcher, Rockbridge county,

From Mrs. Dr. John N. Powell, Henrico county, From Mrs. Dr. John R. Garnett, Henrico coun

From Mrs. R. S. Ellis, jr., Buckingham county,

From Mrs. W. H. B. Curtis, Accomac county,

From Mrs. Dr. John B. Harvie, Powhatan county. Va., \$11. From Mrs. John K. Cooke, Portsmouth, Va., [Collected by Miss M. A. Cooke and Mrs.

W. H. Wilson, From Mrs. Louisa Fairfax Minor, Londoun coun-Also, \$18.25 collected by Mrs. Thos. G. Tarry.

of Mecklenburg county, Va.; and \$30 collected by Master Willie Minor, of Richmond, Va.

Cadet Appointments by the President, 1859. James M. Wright, son of Colonel George Wright, 9th infantry, breveted for meritorions conduct in Florida, and at Contreras, Churubusco, and Molino de Rey. Henry H. Lee, son of the late Colonel

Francis Lee, breveted for gallantry at Conteras, Churubusco, and Molino del Rey. Josiah H. V. Field, son of the late Captain George P. Field, killed while leading his

ompany at the storming of Monterey. Thomas Ward, son of a soldier who died in the army, after a service of thirty years. Samuel C. Clark, son of Major M. Lewis Clark, Missouri battalion, distinguised at Sacramento, grandson of Governor Wm.

Clark, of Missouri, and grand nephew of General George Rogers Clark. Thomas Rowland, father died of disease. contracted in the Mexican war, ancestors dis-

tinguished in the revolution. George D. Ramsay, jr., son of Major George D. Ramsay ordnance corps, breveted for gal lantry at Monterey. James B. Washington, lineal representa-

tive of George Washington. James R. Tyler. Edward Y. Buchanan .- Union.

A hostile meeting came off at New Orleans, on the Sth inst., on the Shell Road. between Mr. E. Hiriart and Mr. L. Placide Canonge, both of that city. They fought with pistols at ten paces. After the third shot the challenging party, Mr. Canonge, gentlemen, with their friends, returned to the city. Neither party was wounded, though two balls passed through the breast and one through the skirt of Mr. Canonge's

coat. Yesterday, we published a notice of the killing in a duel, in New Orleans, of a French cotton-broker, named E. Loquot, by Emile Hiriart. The latter, we presume, is the same person who fought a few days ago with

Mr. Canor ge. On the 10th instant, Messrs. A. Elie and E. Chassignac were arrested at New Orleans, and put under bonds not to carry out their intentions of a deadly meeting.

There appears to be a duel epidemic raging at present in the Crescent city. The Mobile Tribune says it is all about Piccolom-

The Island of Cuba Although this last possession of Spain in America is so fiercely courted, by a large lick-burg papers, Wednesday last was a day portion of our countrymen, we suspect there long to be remembered in Stafford county. are very few of them who know much about in the political line. There was no difficulty its extent, or its capabilities. For the bene- on two points. The Whizs and Americans fit of such of our readers as come under this had a peaceable and harmonious meeting I hope the Chairman will squash it," &c. category, we subjoin the following description, hoping that it may not prove uninter-esting at a period like this.

Cuba is the largest, and most westerly of the Antilles. It lies (approximately) tween latitude 19 and 23 North, and longis George. Beyond, this, however, the Fredertude 74 and 85 West (from Greenwich.) lies forty miles west of Havri, one hundred south of Jamaica, and about one hundred and twenty south of Cape Florida. It is more than seven hundred miles long, by upwards of one laundred bread; and, with the adjoining islets, contains 44,000 square miles being as large as the State of Pennsylvania. Its configuration, extent, number of ports. fertility, climate, and resources, render extremely interesting country. But all of these sink into insignificance, when compared with its geographical position, which is such as to render any strong power, that may hold possession of it, absolute master of the Gulf of Mexico. That Gulf, indeed, being of a circular form, although eight hundred miles in circumference, is closed by the island, with the exception of two narrow passes, one to the south, between Cape Catoche and Cape St. Antonio, and the other to the north, between Bahia Honda and the coast Although the navigation of the coast of

Cuba is perilous, on account of the almost uninterrupted succession of rocks and shouls by which it is surrounded, and which some times extend two or three miles into the sea. it nevertheless affords fifty or sixty ports and anchorages, all of them accessible, and all easy of approach. Of these, the most remarkable are Hayana, Matanzas, Nuevitas, Jihara, and Baracca, on the North; and on the South, St. Jago, Manzanilla, Trinidad Jagua, and Batabano. Besides these, the harbors of Bahai-Honda, Nipe, Naranjo, and Guantanamo, from their depth, security. and the facilities which they offer of procur ing fresh water, deserve to be especially mentioned. A ridge of mountains traversing the whole island, from East to West, dividing it into nearly three parts, very nearly equal in area, subsides on both sides into very extensive savannas, watered by innumerable streams that descend from their height. These streams abound in fish, which abound, likewise, in the numerous salt-lakes or ponds with which this island is dotted, and which are the resort of game in great abundance. Mineral springs are found in several parts of the island, and are much frequented by the inhabitants during the sickly season. Although the geological and mineralogical structure of Cuba has not been ascertained, with any very great degree of minuteness, there is no doubt that its capabilities are very large. Mines of gold, silver, and loadstone have been worked at different times-iron is so abundant among the mountains, that it frequently 'crops out," to use a miner's phrase-and f late years, large bodies of coal have been discovered and worked to advantage.

In the hands of an energetic race, Cuba might be made the most desirable spot on the face of the globe. It possesses an inexhaustible soil, and a climate so mild that two erops of corn and sometimes three are proluced in a year. Sugar, Coffee, Tob Wax, Cocoa, Molasses, Rum, Maize, Rice &c., are cultivated with boundless success The vegetable kingdom is rich, beyond the imagination of persons who have spent their lives in such a climate as this. The Mahogany tree, the Cedar, Ligaumvitae, every kind of Ebony, the Palm, the Chestnut, the Pine Apple, the Orange, the Custard Apple, ar all plants model in mal for food-grow here, in the wildest profusion The woods abound with birds, and the streams with fish. All these are attractionwhich naturally tempt the fillibusters; and the beauty of Cuba is likely to prove as troublesome to her, as that of Italy has always been to her children.-Rich. Whig.

## Rights of Minorities.

Whilst the Democrats of this Congressional district are discussing and quarrelling over the rights of minorities, we beg them to recollect that they have for the last twelve years, by an unconstitutional and tyrannical gerrymander, stitled the voices of sixty odd thousand true and loval men of Virginia.-One of the Democratic writers in this controversy says, in speaking of the rights of minorities, "Men, who can tamely submit to such a violation of every principle of evenhanded justice, are unworthy the name of freemen." Such a violation of every princiole of even-handed justice has been inflicte upon sixty odd thousand Whige of Virginia, who have not a single Representative in Congress, because the Democracy, in direct vication of the Constitution, have so gerrymandered the Congressional districts as to stiffe the Whig voice of the State. When our Democratic friends complain of injustice to minorities, let them recollect how unjustly they have always treated the Whigs of Vir ginia. And if we shall ever exercise our rights in the mode that freemen should, let them also remember that we are but carrying out the lesson they have taught us .-Charlottesville Adv.

## Napoleon and the War Question.

New York, March 18 .- The Emperor Naoleon has addressed a letter to Sir Francis Head, thanking him for his aid to the innerial cause, and expressing surprise at the unjust language of the English press towards him, considering he has proved himself a faithful ally. The Emperor denies the warlike proparations, and asserts that the armaments are only to replace others, and will not exceed the usual average for the custom ary defence of the country. The Moniteur asks where can a single official act be pointed to which warrants the insignations that the Emperor is preparing for war.

The general impression in the official cir-cles of Paris is that Lord Cowley's mission to Vienna will be a failure. It is rumored that Napoleon has promised to aid the King of Sardinia should Austria meditate an attack. In the latter country they are energetically strengthening the defences in all directions, and workmen are employed day and night. The latest reports say that the actual evacuation of Rome by the French troops is premature. Funds at Paris and London show an advance of one-half since previous steamer. Consols opened on Saturday morning

## The Tenth Legion.

We understand that the Democracy Pendleton and Highland have appointed delegates to the Congressional Convention, proposed to be held in this place, on the 30th inst. If we are not mistaken Rockingham is the only county in the District which has not anpointed delegates to the Convention, meeting for this purpose is called for Monday next .- Rockingham Register.

LIOR SERVANTS' WEAR .- We respectfully call the attention of Farmers and Planters to our stock of DOMESTIC GOODS, suitable for Servants. We name in part-Heavy Twilled Cotton Duck Cotton Osnaburge 7-8 and 4-4 Brown Shirtings

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rates.

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Politics -Stafford County.

According to the accounts in the Freder--see their proceedings-and Mr. John Seddon, was peaceably and barmoniously nominated as the Democratic candidate for the Legislature from Stafford and King icksburg Herald says:-"The occasion will be recurred to as the day of wild excite- my of the party.") He was not in nomiment, bitterness and acrimony, not only between candidates belonging to the Democratie party, but on account of the keen asperi-ty of feeling that marked the masses, in Con-proposed, Prince William provoked King vention assembled." The following account of the different meetings, we copy from the Fredericksburg News:

"First.-A Whig and American meeting nominated him." was held to ratify the nominations in Richmond and Alexandria, heartily endorsing the action of the Convention which nominated Thomas for Congress, and pledging to him and to Goggin, Willey and Preston, a guine of his success, which will not distress | esq., appointed Secretary. a great many Democrats. Second.—A Democratic meeting was call-

ed together as soon as the Whig meeting adopted: adjourned; P. V. D. Hedgeman, Chairman, Resolv Senatorial Convention, and to nominate a candidate for the House of Delegates. Mr. W. P. Conway proposed Democrats pass in ront of the the Chair and each express his ndividual preference for Senator, to avoid mistake, &c. Mr. Cox said minorities hould not be heard; that majorities ruled.— Mr. Conway preferred the usual way of apsointing Delegates, by the Chair. After ome voting the Chair said "ayes hold up he right hand." "Noes hold up the left "Ayes have it." Chair proceeded to make a list of Delegates.

Col. M. Taliaferro here manifested uneasiets at the old bell wethers around the hairman, and rose and said, I feel my resinsibility and commit into your hands all he concerns of my political course. I preferred (looking earnestly at the Chairman and Co.) that the people should pass on their hoice. I have got no body to work for me. exhort you to take this matter into your own bands and decide upon it.

Mr. Seddon proposed to hear any proposi tion Col. Taliaferro had to make: Col. T. said he would cheerfully submit to the action of this meeting-would cheerfully abide by its decision. Mr. Seddon said when a man aid he had no friends, he always stood by im, and therefore he had made the proposition in favor of Col. Tahaterro, who he understood was objecting to the course of the meeting. The Chairman said he was not attending to Col. T. but was appointing Dele gates. Col. T., "I hope you will attend to ne and give me a fair chance." The Delegates were then announced.

THIRD MEETING .- Stafford and King George that King George first express its preference or candidate for House of Delogates. Col. I. Tayloe said Mr. Seddon was the choice of King George. Mr. John Moneure seconded Mr. Seddon's nomination in a few compli mentary remarks. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was about to adjourn when Mr. Peyton Conway said, "By the way. I forgot to call up my resolution in reference for him as nominee in Conven--and moved an amendment that we cor- priations." dially endorse the course of our late Repre-

sentative. It was carried. FOURTH MEETING .- Senatorial Convention of Prince William. Stafford and King the States, R. A. Pryor, esq., has been invited George.—The Convention was called to order to address the people of Rockingham and has by Mr. Gaines, of Prince William, who prosed the same officers be continued. This met with vociferous opposition. Mr. W. was willing they should be officers pro tem. Mr. Conway inquired what was the object of de laying. Mr. W. replied no object, except to conform to parliamentary rules. At Petersburg they appointed a chairman, pro tem, and then they did not proceed until they organized. Every man whom the people in their might had sent as Delegate had as much power as President of the United States .-And every man who acted as Delegate who is not a Delegate, should have the brand of disgrace on his forehead. He wanted to organize according to Jefferson's Manual.-Mr. C. moved a committee of three to report Railroad Stocks...... Railroad Stocks..... United States' Treasury Notes..... ecretary, but if we have a Chairman and Secretary then we would be organized. Great fuss. "Don't put the motion." "Has the motion been seconded?" Carried. Then followed great discussion as to the me-

thod of finding out who were Delegates,-Moved a Committee be appointed to report Here a steutocian voice shouted, "so far as I am concerned, I am ready to report at once. I am a Delegate, and my name is J. J. W. What District?" "Brentsville." What No?" 'No. 1, always." "No. Lam No. L." "I am "Let us organize regularly, and quit this child's play. "I move somebody put up the balance of the windows." "Those President will keep order so we can ui rstand." "My motion for 3 was seconded." The difficulty is where will they meet? put every Delegate upon his honor." Question. Uprear general. "Order," "I hope the Preent will report himself more loudly." I thought the growd would give way I would accept the amendment." "Ayes have it."-"Division." "Stand aside, Stafford." "Move we adjourn." Universal row by all the Delegates in Committee of the whole upon general onfusion. "The roads are bad enough but he Convention is worse than the roads. The above is a cerbatim report of the deliberations of the Harmonious. At last, Col. J. Taylor of King George

appeared with Committee's report. W. P. Conway, President; --- Jeter, Vice President: - Brawner, Secretary. Mr. C. took the chair, and said it was necessary to preserve something like order, (of course he despaired of keeping order itself and had too much sense to suggest such a thing.) The first thing is to ascertain who are members. The Secretary will call the names of Stafford delegates. "All that are not here will not answer to their names," said a voice. The first called was not present. "Fine him a dollar" said some one. King George delegates were duly called. Then Prince William Delegates-and here ensued a fuse that has no parallel. Prince William must be a great county. It was said the County meeting broke up in a row and it was determined that the Precincts should send delegates. The county democratic votes are 709. One third were sent, divided between 3 or 4 candidates. 112 were registered and many others were counted in to vote, we were informed. The 112 were registered amid "confusion worse confounded." We heard a few remarks, made doubtless to throw light upon the subject. "Don't answer on one side of the house, 'bere,' and on the other side 'not here." "Mr. R., are you

21?" "Yes." "Did you ever vote the Demperatic ticket?" "Is that your business? "It is my business. It is my business, (at the top of his voice.) "Did you!" "I never voted in my life." "There! take that beam out of your own eye before you put the mote in his." "This is out of order, and

At last, the first ballot was taken. Col Taliaferro got a majority of Stafford, and a part of King George, the rest was divided between Brawner, W. W. Thornton, Harrison, Grayson, French, and Potts. (A letter was read from Charles Mason, esq., defining his position and saying he would not accept containing five cars, can be drawn the nomination except to "secure the harmo-

We hear that the meeting was kept up till about 11 P. M. Many ballots were taken. George, by asking "where King George Court House was," and other disrespectful interrogatories, until the King George delegates at last united upon Talliaferro, and

### Stafford County.

At a meeting of the Whigs and Americans Stafford county, convened at the Court House, on the 16th day of March, 1859, that cordial and enthusiastic support. The best being Court day, on motion, Mr. Jas. W. Ford spirit prevails, and Thomas's friends are san- was called to the chair, and V. Y. Conway,

Whereupon, on motion of Edward F. Rose, the following resolutions were unanimously

Resolved. That the Whigs and Americans J. H. Suttle, Secretary. J. C. Moneure said of the county of Stafford respond with enthu-the object was to appoint Delegates to the siasic ardor to the nominations of the Whig party made in the city of Richmond on the 10th day of February, and that we hereby pledge ourselves to a firm, faithful and active

canvass in their behalf. Resolved, That in the person of Henry W. Thomas, of the county of Fairfax, we recognize a faithful public man, whose past is a guarantee of his future, and that we will support him cordially for a seat in Congress.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint - Delegates to meet similar Delegates from the county of King George, on the 1st Thursday in April, at King George Court House, for the purpose of considering the propriety of nominating a candidate to represent the counties of Stafford and King George in the next House of Delegates. Resolved, That although Stafford did not

have an opportunity of appointing Delegates to the Alexandria Convention, that we nevertheless fully sustain and endorse N. W. Ford esq., in taking the responsibility to represent as upon that occasion On motion, resolved, that the 3d resolution

be filled with 20. The Chair then appointed the following

Delegates: Duff Green, Wm. Pollock, ir., Jas. F. Forbes, Dr. Hugh Morson, Wm. Purkins, Geo. W. Conway, N. W. Ford, E. A. W. Hore, William Botts H. B. Barnes, John H. Skinker, John G. Cooke, J. M. Briggs, James French, Marshal Payne, R. G. Hickinson, Strother Harding, Geo. Kendall, Wm. Masters, E. F.

On motion, the Chairman and Secretary

On motion, the proceedings were directed ow met in Council. J. Moneure proposed to be published in the Richmond Whig and other Whig papers in the District.

The meeting then adjourned. J. W. FORD, Chairman V. Y. Conway, Secretary.

REDUCTION OF WORKMEN AND WAGES AT THE ARMORY.—The Springfield (Mass.) Re- would amount to \$3,33 per ton. The propublican says: "Nearly forty workmen were rates on the same, charged by the Course discharged from the United States Armory favor of a Convention to nominate a candi- in this city last Saturday, and the wages of date for Congress. Unless we have a Conven- the remainder (some 150 to 160) are reduced tion it is almost certain we shall lose the Dis- generally, ten per cent., but in some cases as per cent. This course man decided that the meeting was in favor of not necessitated by the action or appropria-Concention. Mr. Cox proposed a resolutions of the last Congress, which are for the sideration of wisdom or justice. The day on endersing Gov. Smith, and expressing year from July 1, 1859, but by the necessity of confining the expenditures for the remain-Mr. J. H. Suttle seconded the resolu- der of the old fiscal year, from now to July nassas to Alexandria, but to extend the resolution. Mr. P. Conway was willing to vote to the balance of the old appropriations refor the first part of the resolution-took no maining on hand. The War Department exception to troy. Smith's legislative course has forbidden the armory to exceed its appro-

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dent, on the 1st of October, 1858, sat, "The introduction of Coke as a our passenger engines, has been with entire success, resulting in nomical and efficient operations machines. A series of experiments lasmade with raw Coal upon the engines, with results of a satisfact acter; showing that our passenger 1st divisions of the Road, overcoming of 83 feet per mile, with a consu-26 lbs. of Coal per mile run-e sti ding all transportation charges on

three and six-tenths ets per mile. The experiments with fuel have made with the same engine, No. 21. results were as follows

"Cost per mile on the Mail and F. Trains, 5 cars: With Wood, 7.8-10 cents Coke, 5.6-10 cents.

" Coal, 3,6-10 cents. According to this calculation, the running a train as above, for fuel alon-Harper's Ferry from Baltimore, Sl miles With Wood, would be 5.31

" Coke, " " 4.53 " Coal, " " 2.91 " Coal, To Wheeling, 379 miles, With Wood, would be 29,56 " Coke, " Coal,

A saving between Coal and Wood of 55 per cent. A very important item. must command the attention of the Pall interest all over the United States, at early day. It must be borne in mind this is putting down wood at its cast the line of the Baltimore and Ohio about \$2 per cord. The Eastern R where wood is scarce, are paying three this price. The result finally must greatly increase the demand for Coal the Cumberland regions particularly Companies are now endeavoring to their expenses. If the fuel expense on

The Master of Machinery says, further "Fourteen of the Passenger engines now consuming mineral fuel; others will altered as soon as the large accumulat wood on the Western division is sufficient reduced to render it advisable.

reduced 55 per cent., here is a heavy in

A Friend of the Cumberland Re-

Bailroads vs. Alexandria. The rates of toll charged upon the follow ing articles by the Baltimore and Ohio Rail road Company, are given as a matter of in-

terest to our town, in reference to the read-

terminating here: -On Plaster, ground or lump, in car lead-2 cents per ton per mile, under 50 miles : 17 cents between 50 and 100 miles; and 14 co over 150 miles.

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Road from Richmond to Staunton, are 3 per ton. These facts are very interesting. Some Virginia railroads are a fair reflection of the policy of the Legislature, to dig it into me chants and traders, regardless of every confast approaching when we shall not only have to make the Independent Line of Ma to Staunton. The course of this Company has thus far evinced an enlightened and like ral spirit towards both the interests of agri-

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